

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Annual Report of PBT Communications, Inc.
Calendar Year Ending 2009

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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**RE: Annual Report of PBT Communications, Inc.
Calendar Year Ending 2009**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

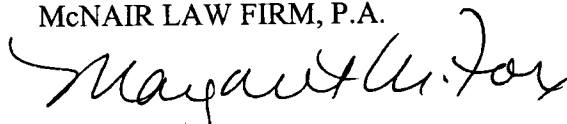
Please find attached on behalf of PBT Communications, Inc., an Annual Report for calendar year ending 2009. We are filing herewith a written motion requesting confidential treatment of certain information contained within the Annual Report and, therefore, have enclosed both a public and proprietary (sealed) version of the Report in accordance with the Commission's practice governing designation of confidential information. The proprietary (sealed) version of the Annual Report is being hand-delivered to the Commission. The public version of the Annual Report and motion is being filed electronically.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 103-612(1) and Section 58-4-55(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, we are providing the Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of the full report subject to confidential and proprietary treatment, with the pages stamped accordingly.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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MOTION REQUESTING THAT MATERIALS BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL

PBT Communications, Inc. ("PBT Communications") respectfully requests that the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("the Commission") treat certain materials accompanying this motion as confidential. This motion is made on the following grounds:

1. PBT Communications is filing with this Motion both public and proprietary (sealed) versions of its Annual Report for calendar year ending 2009.
2. Pursuant to Commission Regulation 103-612(1), a copy of the annual report must be provided to the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"). Pursuant to Section 58-4-55(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, utilities that provide ORS with copies of or access to documents or information that is not part of a contested proceeding may designate certain information as confidential or proprietary if there is a good faith belief that the information is entitled to protection from public disclosure under the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure or any provision of South Carolina or federal law. Moreover, Commission Regulations provide that a "public record" does not include anything specifically exempted by statute or Commission order. S.C. Code Regs. 103-804(S)(2).
3. The accompanying information designated as "Confidential" in the attached Annual Reports is commercially-sensitive and proprietary business information that should be exempt from public disclosure. It contains proprietary business information relating directly to PBT Communications' financial operations and falls within the definition of materials which may be exempted from disclosure. As a privately-held company, PBT Communications' does not make this

information available to the public. Moreover, PBT Communications is a competitive local and interexchange carrier operating in South Carolina. Confidential treatment of the financial documents is consistent with the Commission's prior rulings and prior treatment of similar information.

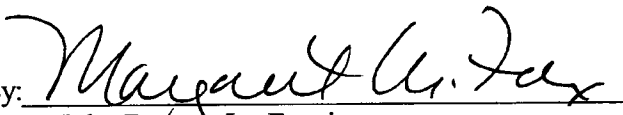
4. Disclosure of such commercially-sensitive information would be harmful in light of the more competitive telecommunications environment and, therefore, it is not appropriate to make this information publicly available. Access to this information could give actual and potential competitors an unfair competitive advantage.

5. In accordance with the Commission's guidelines, as set out in Commission Order No. 2005-226, "Order Requiring Designation of Confidential Materials," PBT Communications has submitted a proprietary, un-redacted copy in a sealed envelope with each page marked "Confidential" in red ink, as well as a publicly-available copy with the confidential information redacted.

WHEREFORE, PBT Communications, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission treat the accompanying materials as confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

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